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LEGION SPONSORED DEBATE APRIL 7 ON VITAL QUESTION OF U. M. T.

The "Haven H. Spencer Post" has released further information on the forthcoming debate on Universal Military Training.

Joint High School Teachers Meeting

Superintendent of Schools Robert N. Taylor of Union No. 22 held a meeting of the joint staffs of Northfield High School and Powers Institute at Powers Institute on Monday, March twenty-ninth.

Superintendent Taylor outlined the standardized testing program to be carried on in May and June in the two schools and pointed out the purposes of such a testing program and the values to be gained therein. He stressed that standardized tests when used in conjunction with other school records provide invaluable data to the schools and teachers, concerning groups as a whole and concerning individual pupils. He further emphasized that striving for high scores on these standardized tests is not a primary end of these tests, but that a greater value lies in the tracing of the growth of our pupils.

The Northfield staff presented a panel discussion on the topic "Selling Your School." The participants in the discussion were Mr. George M. Leonard, Principal; Miss Evelyn Lawley, Submaster; Mr. Harold McLean; and Miss Nellie Dearstyne. Miss Dearstyne concentrated on classroom procedures and public relations. These speakers pointed out the importance of improving public relations between the community and the school and stressed the various ways in which teachers are responsible for the building up of an effective public relations program.

For the Bernardston staff Miss Helen Burroughs presented a treatise, "The Handling of Disciplinary Cases," in which the various types of disciplinary cases were mentioned and the recommended procedures for correction.

An active discussion period followed the presentation of these topics.

P.-T. A. News

The Northfield P.-T. A. Basket ball Committee met on March 30, with Chairman Robert Barnes presiding. The committee has ordered netting to be used in the Town Hall, and are making arrangements for the installation of suspending cables.

P.-T. A. officials urge members to attend the Open Forum on Universal Military Training at the Town Hall on April 7, at 8 p. m. A debating team from the American International College in Springfield will bring Northfield citizens a complete picture of both sides of this important question.

Fire Permits Needed

Anyone wishing to burn outside fires must have a permit after April 1. Andrew Gray, Fire Warden, recently announced. The telephone number is 319.

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Maple Sap Runs Improve This Week

Good weather for the past week has improved the quantity and quality of the local maple sap run. Local producers have high hopes of being able to reach their anticipated goals before the season ends.

It has taken about fifty gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup, which is somewhat higher than the comparative figure of last year.

The syrup has been somewhat darker during the earlier runs, but the later runs have been of lighter color and better flavor.

The generally quoted price for syrup on the farm has been set at \$6.00 a gallon.

The "sugar house" erected by Roy Barrows and used for the first time this season has attracted considerable attention from townspeople and visitors alike. The very large evaporator housed in the building has brought many enthusiastic comments from all onlookers.

Among other conveniences and the "sugar house" has a visitors bench for a more leisurely study of the boiling of the syrup.

Fish and Game Elect New Officers

The local Fish and Game Association elected the following officers for the coming year: Horace Field, president; Francis Reed, vice-president; Miss Lois Sterns, secretary; and Mrs. Helen Sterns, treasurer.

April 29, was set as the proposed date for the annual banquet, with the following committee appointed: James Dresser, chairman of the supper committee; William Walker, chairman of entertainment; and Clarence Spaulding chairman of the door award committee.

Mr. Helen Sterns is to be in charge of the membership drive, with cash awards being made to the three who bring in the most members.

The new president, Field, appointed the following committees for the coming year: Murray Hammond, Joseph Bilman, Jr., and Melvin Morgan, Fish; Harold Clough Donald Truesdell and Gilbert Hammond pheasant.

The sum of \$300 was appropriated for the purpose of trout and a sum of \$200 for the purchase of pheasant.

Rewarded for Service

Eight members of the Haven H. Spencer Post recently went to the home of Stanley Payson, where Post Commander Richard Steenbrugge presented Mr. Payson with the Past Commander's Badge with year Bars.

A citation was also presented to the Past Commander in grateful appreciation for his services as Commander of the local Post during the years 1945-1947.

Mr. Payson has been a Legionnaire for over twenty years.

The Sumner Theatre Resumes Next July

It will be pleasing news to many Northfield patrons that the Sumner Theatre in Brattleboro will again present a series of plays in the Auditorium beginning on July 12.

Harry L. Young, the managing director, will return early in May to begin preparations after a winter spent in Albany, N. Y. where he was director of the Playhouse. Young states that about seven plays will be presented in Brattleboro with at least two star performers, and many of the former casts will return. The list of performances will soon be made public and plans for the subscription of tickets will be announced.

As usual full information will be given in the Press.

U. S. Bond Drive Will Soon Start

The new campaign for the selling of U. S. Bonds to be known as the American Security Loan Campaign sponsored by the Savings Bond Division of the United States Treasury will be organized in every state, city and town, and begin on April 16th. The process of the organization is now under way and a chairman will be made to conduct the campaign in the area of each unit. The campaign will be conducted for the sale of E, F, and G bonds and each individual may purchase in the various amounts up to \$7,500.

Publicity of all details will be announced later.

Will Improve Road

It will be good news to motorists of Northfield that the state highway making approaches to the Hale's Crossing bridge over the Boston and Maine railroad in Bernardston is to be improved.

The state department of Public Works has made such an announcement and bids will be opened soon for the work. For a long time these sections of the highway have been in a deplorable condition, full of ruts, holes and bumps and every auto has had to "take it easy" enroute to Greenfield. While repairs are being made and to lessen the traffic local motorists can use the Gill and Factory Hollow roads to Greenfield.

Mr. Booth plans to spend the next two months in Vermont and New Hampshire setting up new hostels so that the original loop of 30 hostels extending from Northfield up through the Green Mountains and back to Northfield via the White Mountains may be re-established by this summer.

The hostels will be set up approximately 15 miles apart so that hikers will be able to reach one every day. Cyclists (and 85% of American hostellers travel by bicycle) will be able to cover two or three hostels in a day. However, an experienced hosteller attempts to travel a short enough distance each day so that he will have time to stop and swim, explore side trails, get acquainted with the people of the area, visit places of interest, and thus truly enjoy their days in the out of doors.

Even though the rising cost of food stuffs will force the cost per day of hostelling to be closer to \$1.50 than the usual \$1, this leisurely type of travel will still provide the most inexpensive vacation possible in America today.

Traveling the youth hostel way is recognized by educators as an excellent method of supplementing the knowledge which is learned in the class room. Students have a chance to learn for themselves by experience some of the richest lessons that can be gained. This "learning by doing" is a painless method because the student often does not realize how much he is acquiring in the way of self-reliance, initiative, and understanding, as he is learning it in his daily life.

The Episcopal address will be delivered by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York, Wednesday evening, April 28. The Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill of New York, presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church will address an ecumenical session Sunday afternoon, May 2. Youth night will be Saturday, May 1.

More than 250 pulpits of Massachusetts will be filled on Sunday, May 2, by visiting preachers from all parts of the world.

Loses Two Trains

Since the order of the Defense Organization to conserve coal, made necessary by the miners strike, went into effect and binding upon the railroads to the extent of 25 per cent of their ordinary consumption, the Boston and Maine R. R. has taken off two trains: number 717 north and 712 south.

Dr. Howard L. Rubendall, headmaster of Mt. Hermon School, will be guest preacher at the Sunday morning worship service at the Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Conn.

Students of the Northfield School for Girls returned to the campus Wednesday, March 31, as their spring vacation came to a close.

The omission of these trains also affects the receiving and sending of mails and the new schedule has been posted in the various Post Offices.

UNUSUAL BIBLE PAGEANT BEING BROUGHT TO NORTHFIELD

The Deerfield, N. H., Bible Pageant is to be shown in the Northfield Congregational Church on

next Sunday evening, April 4th, at 7 o'clock.

Last summer the minister and people of rural Deerfield, New Hampshire, spent much time collecting costumes, locating and making properties, and acting Bible stories, beginning with the book of Genesis and ending with the book of Revelation. The pictures of the creation are colorful and impressive. Among the properties produced for the Pageant were a huge 8 by 13 foot Bible and hand-sandals, belts, and other properties were made in the Daily Vacation Bible School. Mountain-top episodes, including the dramatic giving of the Ten Commandments, were photographed on the summit of Saddleback Mountain in Deerfield. Pleasant Pond in Deerfield was the setting used to depict Jesus preaching from a boat as he preached on Lake Galilee.

Not to be outdone by this display of finery, countless of the braver women defied the biting wind and sunless day to break out in some very rare specimens of the milliner's art.

Most of the ladies had to be content with showing off the hats for they had to rely on their winter outifts to keep warm.

There were big hats and little hats; there were flowered hats and there were be-ribboned hats — any kind you might want to name.

As usual there were some unusual specimens too, but we must stretch point to keep them in the category of hats.

One smiling damsel had a hat that looked like a windmill, or perhaps it was a windmill that looked like a hat — however, the arms of the windmill were furiously spinning in the stiff breeze. As was mentioned before it was not determined whether this was a hat or a windmill furnishing power for the ladies torch. What ever it was, it was on top of the ladies head.

Following her down the avenue came another flaunter of traditions, or perhaps it was the new look. However, this fair thing had a normal type hat on, but the decorations were certainly novel. From a distance it appeared that three six inch antenna-like wires pointed skyward from the crown of the hat and each wire had a decoration on it. They were in the order named, an aging pine cone, a withered orange and a dead mouse.

It would be most appropriate now to turn from the women to the men, and report on the sartorial splendor of the male parades, but many of the men looked as if they had been dragged from a nice warm fire and were in a hurry to get the whole thing over with.

Despite the rather disheartening weather it did not deter vast multitudes from massing along Fifth Avenue and keeping the tradition of the Easter Parade alive.

We hope the horse didn't eat her hat — it was that pretty.

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**CALENDAR
OF
EVENTS**

April 3: Fortnightly Luncheon at the Northfield, 1 p.m.

April 4: Dearfield Bible Pageant film in color at the Congregational Church at 7 p.m.

April 5: Garden Club meets at Alexander Hall. P.T. A. Executive Committee Meeting. Boy Scouts meet.

April 7: OPEN FORUM ON UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING AT TOWN HALL, 8 P.M. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED.

April 8: Unitarian Women's Alliance annual luncheon.

April 9, 10: East Hampton Antique Exposition and Sale at Town Hall, East Hampton, Mass.

April 12: P.T. A. meeting in Alexander Hall at 8 p.m. The program will be "Home Talent" night.

April 13: Grange meeting.

April 16: Fortnightly will sponsor show at the Town Hall.

Northfield High School
HONOR ROLL — MARCH 1948

GRADE 7
HIGH (all A's) Janet Dean, Second (A's and B's) Marion Bertrand, Beverly Botton, Nancy Jack, Rosemarie Lalavie, Roseanna Lalavie, James Livingston, Jean Phelan, Shirley Sibley, George Sheldon.

GRADE 8
HIGH: Phyllis Hartford, Jacqueline Jewett, Second: Patricia Brown, Annette Clark, Richard Rikert, Ruth Sheldon, Elizabeth Sibley, Pearle Barber, Alma Gillepie.

GRADE 9
Second: Ethelyn Berry, Faith Fisher, Vern Holton, Janet Mankowsky, Edward Parsons.

GRADE 10
Second: Barbara Fortier, Chester Gaida, Edgar Parker.

GRADE 11
Second: Vera Allen, Marion Andrew, Joseph Bilmon, Mary Lapiante.

GRADE 12
Second: Blanche Duda, Ruth Holton, Julia Ladzinski, Ralph Lyons.

POET'S CORNER
(Contributions by local poets
are welcome)

United Nations

On Nester of the brawling states, Clean Bill of health to you! The plebe of unnumbered names, Your restful hours are few; Hope of myriads now alive And nations yet unborn, God grant you vigor to survive The blasts of lethal scorn.

On beacon of abysmal night And eye of peoples blind, Stand steadfast with your flame alight, A guide to dazed mankind; As unripe in a madcap game Your vested task is hard, With comfort in Heaven's acclaim Your manifest reward.

— W. O. T.

Plea To April

Sing me a song, I have waited long, Sing me a song of April weather, Of a dash of rain on the window pane.

Or a shaft of sun, or both together, Sing as you pass of fresh green grass.

Or ferny grot or a field of clover, I am tired of gales and a March that falls.

To quite convince me that winter's over, Sing me a song, I have waited long, Sing me a song of April weather, Of branch or sprout or a new leaf out.

Or bad or blouson or both together, Lalla Mitchell Thornton

**Alfalfa May Become
Valuable Human Food**

Alfalfa, for many years associated with the livestock phase of farming, may come into its own as a human food crop as science makes further strides in wringing the utmost values out of products of the soil.

Alfalfa some day may be a highly regarded source of human food. Dr. Waldo Semon of B. F. Goodrich company told the National Farm Chemurgic council. He pointed out that protein — a basic requirement in human nutrition — is present in high quality in alfalfa, and said that "when you consider also the minerals and vitamins in hay there is plenty of incentive for working out means of converting it into palatable human food."

As mechanization and scientific operation of farms increase, the threat of overproduction of crops arises, he stated. If crops are continually "upgraded" to yield much higher quality foods, or to yield superior industrial materials and even luxury items, the farmer need never face a problem of overproduction.

The speaker cited the farm wood lot as a prime example of crop upgrading, in that a few generations ago the timber was marketed merely as firewood, but now brings higher returns through its use in paper, cellulose, rayon, plastics and "man-made lumber" industries.

Nursing as a Vocation

Offers Bright Future

With the demand for registered professional nurses reaching its highest levels, those contemplating nursing as a career are asking: "Is this demand only temporary?"

The answer, according to American Nurses' Association, a professional organization of nurses, is that the demand for registered professional nurses will increase over the next decade and that the vocational opportunities now offered by the profession are greater than ever.

The general demand for nursing services has been on the increase in recent years, public health provisions under social security programs and veterans' programs are being expanded, and a vast increase of specialized services of nurses is already apparent.

Under the G.I. Bill of Rights, for instance, medical and surgical care is assured to all men and women who served in the armed forces during the war, regardless of whether the disability is due to military or to civilian life. Veterans become eligible for such as upon a statement of their inability to pay for medical care or hospitalization. Since the incidence of sickness increases with age, it is anticipated that the peak for nursing service under the G.I. Bill may well be reached in the decade between 1960 and 1970.

Agricultural Extension Start

The agricultural extension service in its present form officially came into being in 1914. In that year congress passed and Pres. Woodrow Wilson signed the Smith-Lever act which set up the extension service. The start of the teaching and work which has grown into the present extension system took place about the time the American republic was being born. In 1785 the Philadelphia society was organized to aid agriculture and spread information of interest and value to farm families. Similar movements continued through all the phases of national growth. Farmers' institutes were started and had become well established by 1890, with many states providing money for them. These institutes tried to bring to farmers at meetings the results of experimental work in agriculture and home economics. From these institutes grew the Boys' Corn clubs, which later became the 4-H clubs.

Water-Borne Commerce
Water-borne commerce on the Great Lakes and their connecting channels is greater than on any other inland waterway. It is conducted with large vessels, comparable in size to those in ocean service, and in many cases specially designed for the movement performed. By far the major portion of Great Lakes traffic consists of bulk movements of iron ore, coal and coke, fluxing stone, petroleum and products, and grain. These commodities aggregate close to seven-eights of the total, the rest consisting of sand and gravel, iron and steel, and miscellaneous freight. Under stimulus of the war, domestic commerce on the lakes in 1944 approximated 180 million tons. Packaged freight on the Great Lakes amounts to less than 2 per cent of the total domestic freight movement on the lakes.

Undersea Mountains

Man is making progress in his quest for information about the mountain ranges, peaks and valleys hidden under the oceans, says National Geographic Society. On the heels of an expedition to the Mid-Atlantic ridge comes word that coast and geodetic survey scientists have charted a volcanic range under Bering sea waters and an 11,500 foot peak rising from the deep floor of the north Pacific ocean. Although numerous submarine mountains and mountain ranges are known to exist, details of their shape and structure have remained vague.

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General George S. Patton, Jr., perhaps the most controversial figure in World War II kept a diary from July 1942 until Dec. 6, 1945, four days before his fatal accident. This diary has been published by Houghton-Mifflin Co. under the title "War as I Knew It."

The main part of the book is devoted to the Third Army campaigns in Europe, while a series of letters written during the African and Italian campaigns preface the European battles.

Part three contains two sections under the general title of "Retrospect," namely "Reflections and Suggestions" and "Earning My Pay." The book closes with an appendix dealing in detail with the organization of the Third Army — Patton's Army.

Included in this book are many remarks concerning the high level commanders of World War II — both American and British.

The book is written in the vigorous and sharp style that Patton displayed in all his actions during the military campaigns. Modesty was never one of his greatest virtues, and as the General himself said, "It always made me mad to have to beg for opportunities to win battles." But even then Stalin was forced to admit that the Russian Army could not have conceived or executed the extraordinary campaign that the Third Army fought across Europe.

This book gives Patton an opportunity to explain some of the more publicized events that marked his career, and that were thoroughly aired in the newspapers of this country during the war.

Through this diary which was kept up in the heat and emotion of battle we can get a glimpse of an Army Commander moving his troops here and there, not the individual soldiers, but directing Corps' and Divisions with seeming aplomb and complete confidence in each decision.

The book should prove of particular interest to those who served under Patton during the war, for Patton has something to say about each unit that fought under him.

In most cases, in dealing with individuals, he does not stray from the General Officer level — but every now and then he does remark about some extraordinary achievements of lower grade officers and enlisted men.

The 26th division, the "Yankee Division," which originally was a completely New England outfit, but gradually filled in with replacements from the entire United States, was under the command of General W. S. Paul and fought in the Third Army. General Patton had good words to say of the division and he also had some collateral praise for General Paul.

Certainly this book is worthwhile reading, for either the veteran or the civilian, because this is the beginning of a long written history of a colorful soldier, for certainly some competent biographer will not be able to resist the manifold spirit and legendary life of General George S. Patton, Jr.

In less than a month's time "The Ides of March," by Thornton Wilder has jumped from 18th to 3rd place in the New York Herald Tribune best seller list. Alice Dixon Bond of the Boston Herald said of the book, "It may well become a classic in our immediate present."

U. H.

Chemical Energy Shared

Chemical energy and not electrical energy is stored in a storage battery. When the battery is charged, the charging current produces in the battery certain chemical reactions. As the battery is used, these reactions are reversed and an electrical current is produced. In a somewhat more literal sense, however, electricity can be stored in a condenser or "capacitor," which consists essentially of two conducting metal plates separated by an insulator. A positive electrical charge is put on one plate and a negative charge on the other. If the conductors have large surfaces and the insulator is very thin, the condenser will have a high capacity, but the amount of energy stored even in a big capacitor would be much smaller than that of an ordinary automobile storage battery.

This Micah Mudge was son-in-law of George Alexander and was from Wethersfield and Northampton. For the second settlement he was one of three who laid out the town street, settled, was constable, dealt with unscrupulous Indians, and had a fort built on his home lot. This fort site is still easily located by its well, which today is covered in the south hedge of Dr. William E. Park's home. The other two forts of the time were one where the first settlement's stockade stood and is well marked on Main street near Maple street and the other just south of Mill Brook that separates the main districts of Northfield and East Northfield and is marked by a stone telling of it.

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10:00 a. m. Mr. Reeves' Class in
Church Membership for the teen-
age meeting in the Pilgrim Fel-
lowship room.11:00 a. m. Worship. Sermon sub-
ject, "Religion and Our Defeat-
ing Moods." Nursery for pre-
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7:00 p. m. Deerfield Bible Pageant,
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Silver offering.

Church School officers and teach-
ers will meet at the home of the
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Spring Party of the Sunday
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The Evening Auxiliary will meet
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mille offering.

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11:00 a. m. Church Service and
Sermon. Anthem — Choir. Solo
— David. Adult Sermon — "An
Easter After-thought."

7:30 p. m. American Unitarian
Youth Group. The Young People
will meet to pack the clothes
they have for European relief.
A recreational period will follow.

There will be the annual meeting
of the Women's Alliance on Thurs-
day. It will be preceded by a
luncheon at "The Latch String"
at 1:30, followed by the annual
meeting and reports at the church.
We hope everyone will be present.

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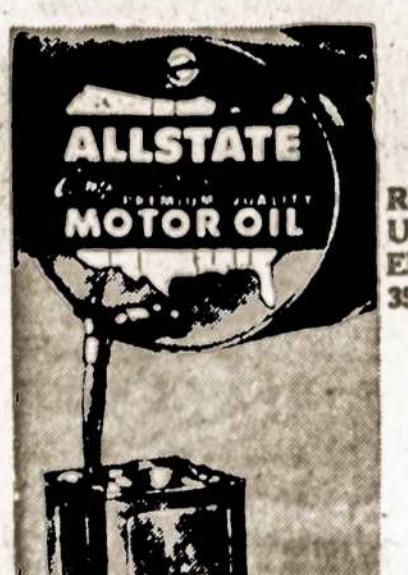
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